

9 WAYS TO PLAN

TRANSFORMATIONAL LESSONS

- Instead of letting a textbook organization determine the sequence of your lessons, make curriculum decisions by studying standards, core concepts, and strategies.
- Plan four or more weeks ahead, incorporating a spiral curriculum and flex time.
- Use backwards planning: create both formative and summative assessments before developing content.
- Make posted objectives comprehensible for students – not too narrow, not too broad. Add and complete the phrase *so that students...* to the end of each objective.
- Create materials that can be watched or read on smartphones.
- Build in think time for introverts before asking them to orally respond to questions.
- When possible, let students choose the content, due dates, their workspace, and how they will complete a task.
- Plan collaboratively using easy tools like Google Docs and draw upon open education resources like Engage NY and CK-12.
- Plan time for students to engage in productive struggle.